

Contributed

"FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE."

1 John 2:12.

"For His name's sake!" Father, it is my plea,
The only one which I can offer thee,
The only one Thou wilt receive from me.

"For His name's sake!" Thou wilt blot out the sin,
Shut out the dark and shed the new light in,
And perfect peace, which we "in Him" do win.

"For His name's sake" let me no longer cling
To earthly props, but bid me to Thee bring
A will, not mine, but Thine, in everything.

"For His name's sake" cast every Dragon down
The wayward heart would raise and there enthrone—
Oh, may Christ reign supreme, and Christ alone!

"For His name's sake" we e'en can bless the rod;
A path of pain the Master's footsteps trod:
Let us but follow on, it leads to God.

"For His name's sake!" How sweet, how sweet the thought!
Our Lord is everything, and we are nought;
The day draws near, we'll serve Him as we ought.

"For His name's sake" a radiant throng shall rise
To meet their King and Saviour in the skies
With hallelujahs born of paradise.

"For His name's sake" myriads shall declare
To myriads, blood-washed, white and fair,
His name, our glory here, our glory there.

"For His name's sake," when time shall be no more,
They'll sing the song they could not sing before—
The new, sweet song they've learnt upon that shore.

"For His name's sake" all gloriously we'll stand,
A ransomed, crowned and triumphant band,
The Father's love-gift to the Son's pierced hand.

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DOES THE CHURCH DESIRE TO NARROW ITS FOUNDATION?

"To our utter amazement and great disappointment, the total offering was less than last year. This raises the question—Does the church by this response indicate a desire to narrow the foundation upon which rests her future development, and make impossible the carrying out of the great enterprises to which she has definitely committed herself?"

This is an extract from the report of the Executive Committee of Publication and Sunday School Work, as given in the June Earnest Worker, page 283.

It does not seem to have occurred to the committee that the failure of the Church to make a larger contribution is not due to "a desire to narrow the foundation upon which rest her future development," but that it may be due to a realization on the part of the Church that the committee, through its numerous and costly agents and agencies, is not doing very much toward broadening the "foundation."

The appeal is made to the Church often and loudly

for money to carry on Sunday school extension work. In response to this appeal the Church gave last year \$17,131 for this cause.

Just what is meant by "extension work" is not clearly set forth. It would seem that it ought to include at least the attempt to organize Sabbath schools where there are none, either directly or indirectly. And it would seem that, with all the equipment, workers, and money that the committee has, some direct effort should be made to do this kind of mission work, which is so much needed. If any Sunday schools have been organized by the paid agents of the committee, during the past year, no reference is made to the fact in the report as published, and apparently special effort was made to present all the work done.

Looking over the reports of the committee for the last five years, we find that twice during that time they did report the organization of new Sunday schools. In 1905 they reported 12 and 16 are reported in 1907. So far as the committee's reports for the five years, 1905-9, show, these are all the schools organized by the direct efforts of the agents of the committee.

The committee reports having helped a number of weak schools by donations of literature. This has been the means of doing much good. But let us see how much of this was paid for out of the contributions made by the Church.

During these five years the committee made donations of books and papers to the amount of \$41,987.35. But this was not all given to Sunday schools, for it included several thousand dollars worth of books given to ministers and others, which the Committee had found unsalable. Of this amount charged to donations \$31,569.35 was a part of the profits of the book and periodical business. So that the amount of the contributions of the Church which was used for donation work during the five years was \$10,418, although during these five years the Church gave the committee \$84,162.77. The balance of \$73,744.77, according to the committee's reports, was used for salaries and expenses of field workers, Sunday school institutes and printing.

A great many institutes are reported as having been held, and great and increased interest awakened in Sunday schools and in Sunday school work.

That during this time there has been great improvement in many Sunday schools, there can be no doubt. How much of this improvement can be credited to the agents and agencies of the committee, it would be impossible for any one to say. It must be borne in mind that the whole religious atmosphere of the world, and especially of this country, is permeated with the idea that Sunday schools must be improved. Other agencies than those of the committee are at work all over the country, and they are exerting a helpful influence. Our Sunday schools are represented in many institutes with which our committee has had no connection, and have received much help from them. So all the improvement can not be credited to the work of the committee's agents. Such gatherings ought to result in improvements in two directions. There should be increased efficiency in the work done, and there should then be found increased numbers in the schools.

Just how much better work is being done in the teaching in the Sunday schools now than was done